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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GLITTENBERG et al.

Group: 1731

Application No.: 09/884,420

Examiner: Fortuna

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For: STARCH COMPOSITIONS AND THE USE THEREOF
IN WET-END OF PAPER PREPARATION

October 16, 2002

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Please enter this Amendment in response to the July 16, 2002 Office Action.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15 with:

B1
The starches used in the present compositions are cationic-starches mixed with anionic starches, such as oxidized maize or modified waxy starches which have been treated with maleic or succinic anhydride or anionic starches mixed with cationic waxy starch. It was surprisingly found that the mixtures comprising anionic and cationic starches were very easy to handle. Contrary to the normal process for paper preparation wherein the cationic and anionic components are added and prepared separately, which requires two preparation and storage units, the mixtures of cationic and anionic starches were cooked together and added at one point to the paper machines without any problems. Even more surprising was the finding that best performance as determined by characteristics of the paper sheets was obtained when at least one of the two starches was